

WØMTL — Hannibal Amateur Radio Club News — WØKEM



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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

Wednesday – July 9, at 7:30 PM

Beth Haven Pleasant View
641 Euclid Avenue
Hannibal, Mo 63401

Enter at the main entrance, turn left to the elevator. Take the elevator to the second floor, and the club's meeting room is directly across the hallway. See map directions on HARC website.

MONDAY NIGHT WEEKLY NET CALL LIST – JULY 2014

7 WB2UFO LARRY
14 KB9VIS BRIAN
21 KDØHHN DON
28 WØPGL TONY



Thanks to all of you for doing this!



HARC MINUTES FOR JUNE, 2014 MEETING



Respectfully submitted by Dave Milam KB0RZN

Don (KD0HHN) opened the meeting at 7:30pm with 21 people present including 2 guests. This month's meeting was held at the Marion County Health Department Building.

Minutes for the May meeting were brought up for discussion. A motion to accept was made by John (KC9MMO) and seconded by J.D. (W0AJD). The motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Larry (WB2UFO). Last month's ending balance was \$1,568.02 and this month ended with \$1,578.02. The CD balance is \$1,318.01, making the total assets \$2,896.03.

A motion was made by Cliff (K0CA) to accept the Treasurer's Report, and it was seconded by John (KC9MMMO). The motion carried.

Repeaters:

Don (KD0HHN) reported the shut-down codes are now installed. Recently, there was a problem with someone playing music, making noise, QRM etc. on the repeater. Don (KD0HHN) tried shut-down codes provided by J.D. (W0AJD), but they were apparently outdated and didn't work. Fred (KB0WIL) removed the repeater and took it to A&W Communications for an upgrade, and then reinstalled the 625 machine. The 88 machine already had codes, so we are now capable of remotely shutting down both repeaters. If you experience any problems, contact one of the officers.

Cliff (K0CA) suggested reflecting in the minutes, our appreciation of all the time and work Fred (KB0WIL) put in to get the repeater re-programmed. Thanks Fred!

Unfinished Business:

Field Days will be held at the Health Department, Don (KD0HHN) reported the radio in the Health Department is up and working and he or someone would check into the State-wide Health Net on Friday to see if we can hit Jefferson City on 80 meters. Don also reported the antenna pole is up and ready and Mark Carpenter is planning on being available to work digital modes. Cliff (K0CA) also reported that Jack would try to be here for

CW. We will operate as a category "F" station, and discussion was held concerning radios, modes, and requirements. Cliff will try to get a clarification on the "emergency power bonus" requirements. We're still planning on operating a GOTA station. Larry (WB2UFO) will check to see if we can run solar power. Since this is a new location, we're planning on starting setup at 8:00 on Saturday morning. A sign-up sheet was circulated for members planning on attending the dinner Saturday night. The Club will furnish hamburgers and hot dogs, please bring a covered dish. A five dollar donation will be charged, and if you make 5 contacts or help with set-up or tear-down, you will be reimbursed.

Regarding announcing Field Days to the public, Don (KD0HHN) reported letters were sent to the County Commissioner and the Mayor, and press releases were prepared for the local newspapers. He will also be notifying radio and TV stations via email. Larry (WB2UFO) will provide posters. Tables will also be set up with brochures for the public.

June 16 will be the Region B Drill from 8:00am to 3:00pm. Don will report to the EOC and will be on 2 meters.

New Business:

Cliff (K0CA) reported on the recent FCC ruling regarding exam credits for expired licenses beyond the two year grace period. You can receive credit for Element 3 or Element 4 from your prior license. You will have to retake Element 2 to make sure you are familiar and up to date on the rules and regulations. This should help many amateur radio operators get back into the hobby.

They also ruled to maintain the required number of V.E.'s at three, and allowed remote exams in certain areas of the country, along with other minor rulings.

Howard (K0DFW) has a unit that was donated to the Club by Jack Elmore from Northeast Power. It is a phone line extender, and Don (KD0HHN) suggested that the Club try to sell it on Ebay. Discussion followed concerning a detailed description of the unit, and it was suggested contacting Jack Elmore to write one for the listing. A motion was made by Larry (WB2UFO) to table until Jack could be contacted. The motion was seconded by John (KC9MMO). The motion carried. After further discussion Howard (K0DFW) made a motion to sell as soon as we got a written description rather than wait until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Ed (WA6JMR). The motion carried. We had further discussion concerning Roberts Rules of Order.

NOTE: If anyone is interested in this item, (CARLSON WIRELESS TRAILBLAZER PE – I-WLL LL4 - 2.4 GHZ – ALL DIGITAL REMOTE WIRELESS TELEPHONE LINK -- Commercial Phone Line Extender – 2 Line), or knows someone who might be, tell them to call Don, KD0HHN, club president, or Howard K0DFW, to get more information, and to make an offer. It will sell for a very reasonable price.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Don (KD0HHN) and he donated it back to the Club. Thanks Don! Drawings were held for three sets of commemorative coins and pins from the Dayton Hamfest donated by Larry (WB2UFO). The winners were J.D. (W0AJD), Bob (KD0PHC), and Howard (K0DFW).

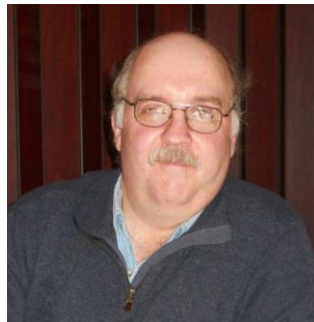
A motion to adjourn was made by John (KC9MMO) and seconded by Steve (KD0UVU). The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Dave Milam KB0RZN

FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2014**July 9th, October 8th**

Exams will take place at 8:30 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting. The exam session will be at the Beth Haven Pleasant View, 641 Euclid Avenue Hannibal, Mo 63401. Registration is required at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Fred Miller- KB0WIL at kb0wil@arrl.net or 573-221-2429.

The 2014 test fee will be unchanged at \$15.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK
BY DON VARY KDØHHN**

Hello everyone,

Looks like summer is here, and here to stay, at least for a while. Along with this, the severe storm season has arrived, and arrived with a vengeance. Hopefully, Mother Nature will take some pity on us and not hit us with too many severe storms this year.

Don't forget that Field Day is this weekend. We will be setting up at the Marion County Health Department, starting at 8AM on the 28th and will be on the air at 1PM for the next 24 hours. We need operators, especially for CW this year, and just think, we will be inside in air conditioning, and not having to worry about scrambling for cover if a rainstorm should pop up, as it has it the past.

Also we will be doing the club picnic this year with hamburgers and hotdogs provided by the club. All you will need to provide is a dish to pass and your drink. So, come one over, enjoy a meal, see some old

friends, maybe make some new ones and get on the air to make some contacts. This year we will also have the GOTA station, so if you know of someone who might be interested in Amateur Radio, they can have a chance to try it out. If you are a licensed operator, or know of one, and haven't been active in awhile, this could be a good way for you to get "back in the groove" so to speak.

I know that the July meeting usually has testing after the meeting, so I am working on a couple of ideas for presentations for the August and September meetings. One of these is the idea of hosting "sprint" competitions on 2 meter simplex. The idea for this came from an ARES® group in Oregon that has been doing this for a while, with some success, and they mentioned it in a recent issue of QST magazine, which is where Carol, WA9EFV and myself saw it....More to come.

On another note, if anyone has a 2 meter antenna that they are not using, or is sitting around, and you want to see it put to use, the Hannibal/Marion county EOC is in need of a 2 meter antenna. When the storm last May took out the EOC tower, it severely damaged the 2 meter antenna beyond repair. So we have a 2 meter radio there but no antenna to put it in use. If you have one that you feel like seeing put to use, please feel free to contact me and I will come and get it.

Well I guess that's it for now. Hope to see as many as possible at the Marion County Health Department this weekend. Oops!!! forgot to mention that we are planning to eat Saturday around 5PM. Stay safe and cool.

73 Don

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DX News and Notes, JULY 2014

by Mike Nowack NA9Q



DX Notes & News



The recent DXpedition to Amsterdam Island by all standards was a huge success, over 160,000 QSOs were logged. It was well over a year in planning and required the a 6 week charter of large sea going vessel, the purchase of materials and the ship's crew support for 18 days of around the clock operations on the island, erecting effective antennas for 160M to 6M, and landing over a dozen operators and all their required life and medical support as well as equipment for 7 complete stations. And, most importantly the gathering of donations of money, lots of money. And then even more money. Monies totaling over \$450,000 in total (not including the \$16,000 in cash and their own travel costs to Australia and return each operator had to contribute). And I hear they had very little to spare after paying all the bills. In the end, the group was relatively easy to work, even on the low bands (80M and 160M), a tribute to their planning and execution. Anyone who really wanted a contact could have it if he really tried.

The upcoming 2016 Heard Island operation will undoubtedly involve a similar if not greater effort. But already, this group has encountered even greater difficulty in finding support, especially financial support at the level they will require. They were forced to restructure the amateur crew and to twice reschedule the operation. The plan has been down sized and due to costs, they have been forced to combine their effort with a scientific research group also planning a visit to Heard Island, hence to long wait until 2016. Recently, due to the rescheduling and other factors, the group has lost 5 of its planned operators including the original team leader. They are currently recruiting to fill the positions. Feel the need to travel? See their webpage for details: www.vk0ek.org . Hint: you had better be the outdoors type, there are no hotels on the island.

So what is my point? I believe costs for such large operations will continue to climb at a rapid rate and available support will increasingly fail to meet the needs of these major DXpedition groups. Does this mean the end of amateur radio operations from such remote places? Possibly so, especially if you consider the logistics of just getting to and back from some of these places. These rare places that we all want to enter into our log. Bouvet, Peter I, Heard, Kerguelen, Crozet and Macquarie topping the list. It may well be that if the 2016 Heard Island operation is a success, it will provide the blueprint for future DXpeditions to such remote places.

Another threat that is emerging as a limiting factor for DXpeditions to many rare, but in these cases, more easily reached entities is the reluctance of the governing body to grant landing permission. Usually these are cases of government efforts to protect the local wildlife and habitat. Prime examples are Navassa Island and Desecheo Island. Easily reached but the US Fish and Wildlife Agency has really tightened access to such locations as part of their charter. Also, it was recently announced that amateur radio operators will no longer be granted access to Kingman Reef due to safety concerns for crew members. Whatever the individual situation or the particular government agency involved, getting access to many of these rare places is becoming problematic. Only time will tell the final outcome but in the meantime, remember the old adage, work 'em first and worry later. There may not be a later.

A final note on a different subject. Bob, N2OO, the QSL manager for the FT5ZM operation has noted that the large shipment of QSL cards has arrived from the printer and that he and his volunteer crew are busy filling them out for mailing to the deserving. Hopefully in a couple of weeks we will finally see them arriving in the mails.

DX NEWS.....

TIMOR LESTE, 4W. Adhi, YB3MM, a member of MDXC #021, will be active as 4W/NB3MM from from Dili between July 31st and August 5th. Activity will be on 30/20/17/15/12 meters using mainly SSB with some CW and PSK31. QSL via IZ8CCW (direct, by the Bureau or OQRS) or YB3MM (direct only). Please DO NOT send

to NB3MM, the W Bureau or YB Bureau.

TANZANIA, 5N. Flavio, IW2NEF, will be active as 5H1NE (pending) from Zanzibar Island (AF-032) between July 22nd and August 6th. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands using SSB only. QSL via IK2DUW.

SENEGAL, 6V. Heinz, DO3MY, will be active as 6V1W from Point des Almadies, Dakar, between the months July and September. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL via his home callsign.

REPUBLIC OF KOREA, HL. A large group of operators are QRV as 6M6M until July 31. Activity is also on 6 meters EME. QSL via HL2UVH.

SVALBARD, JW. Alexander, UA3IPL, will be active as JW/UA3IPL from Spitsbergen Island between June 26th and August 28th. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and JT65. He will use a Yaesu FT-857D with FC30 tuner and G5RV antenna. QSL via RW6HS direct.

ANTARCTICA. Paride, IZ3SUS is QRV as IA/IZ3SUS until November as part of the team that currently operates the station Dome Concordia, Dome C, in Eastern Antarctica. QSL direct to I1HYW.

GRENADA, J3. Dave, W9DR is QRV as J38DR until July 1. Activity is on 6 meters using CW and SSB from grid square FK92ef. He has a beacon on 50115.6 kHz active when not QRV. QSL to home call.

MINAMI TORISHIMA, JD1. Take, JG8NQJ is QRV as JG8NQJ/JD1 until mid September. QSL to home call.

ANTARCTICA. Hector, LU6LGA is currently posted to the San Martin Base on Barry Island, IOTA AN-016, and is QRV as LU1ZD until March 2015. He is usually active on 80 and 10 meters. QSL via LU4DXU.

PALAU, T8. Yasu, JH2DFJ, will be active as T88DF from Republic of Palau between July 27-31st. Activity will be on the HF bands and 50 MHz to 135 MHz using CW, SSB, RTTY, SSTV, WSPR and JT65A. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau, LoTW and eQSL.

TURKEY, TA. Alexey, UT0UM is QRV as TA4/UT0UM until June 29. Activity is on 40, 30 and 20 meters using CW. QSL to home call.

ALBANIA, ZA. Dimitri, IW2JOP is currently working and resides in Saranda and is active as ZA/IW2JOP. Activity is on the HF bands and 2 meters using SSB and digital modes. QSL via IW2HAJ.

As always, thanks go to the ARRL DX Bulletin, The Ohio Penn DX Newsletter, and the 425 DX News letter for much of the above information.

73 and good DX, Mike NA9Q



PLANT AN IDEA!

REMEMBER THIS IS YOUR CLUB!! BE SURE TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES, AND SUGGEST AN ACTIVITY THAT WILL KEEP THE INTEREST UP IN OUR CLUB.

MOST OF ALL, PARTICIPATE!!

Dear Troops, Thanks to you, our flag is proudly flying over this country!



BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS

**Do not be terrified;
do not be discouraged
for the Lord your God
will be with you
wherever you go.**

(Joshua 1:9)

JULY, 2014

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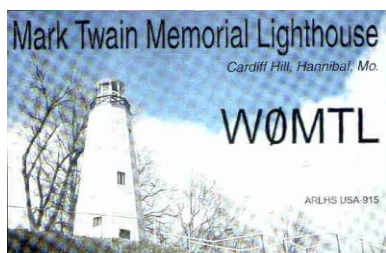
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